

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Southern Area. Nationally 1,747 new fires were reported for the week. Fifty-four new large fires were contained, forty-five in the Southern Area, seven in the Eastern Area and two in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in Arkansas, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Missouri, Illinois and Oklahoma.

On March 10, two firefighters and a pilot were fatally injured in a helicopter crash on the Sabine National Forest near Shelbyville, TX. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TIGER MOUNTAIN	OK	OMA	1,800	100	---	43	3	4	0	0	9K
UNIT 5-01-05	LA	SBR	647	100	---	6	0	0	1	0	3K
IBA	OK	OSA	720	100	---	9	0	3	0	0	3K
GLORY - DRY CREEK	OK	OKS	175	100	---	8	0	3	0	0	NR
HALE RIDGE	KY	KYS	250	100	---	11	1	0	0	0	1K
ROCK CANYON	OK	OKS	2,300	100	---	9	0	4	0	0	NR
JONES	OK	OKS	150	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
DEROIN	OK	OSA	413	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	6K
MIDDEL MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	1,200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SPAINARD CREEK	OK	OKS	280	100	---	14	0	5	0	0	NR
KIMBALL RANCH	OK	ANA	5,250	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	11K
KELLYVILLE	OK	OMA	700	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR
GAINES CREEK	OK	TLA	225	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
HOWELL	MS	MNF	136	100	---	0	0	2	0	3	4K
BOX	LA	KIF	390	100	---	13	10	1	0	0	NR
STEELY HILL	OK	OKS	150	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
SQYURES MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	220	100	---	12	0	5	0	0	NR
RED BIRD	OK	OKS	120	100	---	13	0	5	0	0	NR
CAHABA TOWER	AL	ALF	242	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	5K
MANY ROCK	OK	OKS	450	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
HOOT OWL	OK	OKS	450	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
HIGHTOP	OK	OKS	1,200	100	---	13	0	6	0	0	NR
ZERO	MS	MNF	1,027	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	4K
HONEY ISLAND SWAMP	NC	NCS	440	100	---	64	0	15	1	0	159K
PIPELINE	OK	OKS	560	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
RODNEY MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	200	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
JUANITA	OK	OKS	200	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
BEAR TRACK	OK	OKS	227	100	---	10	0	6	0	0	NR
PHARAOH	OK	OMA	140	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	7K
HAW CREEK	AR	OUF	121	100	---	33	1	9	1	0	10K
GIRDNER	OK	OKS	180	100	---	10	0	4	0	0	NR
CUMSEY	OK	OMA	140	100	---	24	1	4	0	0	5K
ETTA LOOP	OK	OKS	130	100	---	11	0	5	0	0	NR
BEAVERDAM CREEK	MS	MSS	329	100	---	3	0	0	0	0	NR

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JONES RD	MS	MSS	100	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	NR
UPPER LITTLE CREEK	MS	MSS	200	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR
CEMETARY RD	MS	MSS	165	100	---	8	0	3	0	0	NR
BULLY CREEK	MS	MSS	400	100	---	15	0	4	0	0	NR
OMAS	MS	MSS	560	100	---	52	0	26	1	0	NR
DAN WALKER LOOP	MS	MSS	400	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	NR
BRYAN BAYOU	MS	MSS	315	100	---	13	0	4	0	0	NR
ELLA MAE DANIELS RD	MS	MSS	105	100	---	17	0	6	0	0	NR
BARNES BYRD RD	MS	MSS	350	100	---	11	0	1	1	0	NR
SPRING COTTAGE	MS	MSS	200	100	---	5	0	0	0	0	NR
PERRY LAKE	MS	MSS	325	100	---	9	0	0	0	0	NR

OMA = Okmulgee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs SBR = Sabine National Wildlife Refuge
OSA = Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs KYS = Kentucky Division of Forestry
OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry ANA = Southern Plains Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs
TLA = Talihina Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs MNF = National Forests in Mississippi
NCS = North Carolina State Division of Forestry ALF = National Forests in Alabama
KIF = Kisatchie National Forest OUF = Ouachita National Forest MSS = Mississippi Forestry Commission

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROEBELL MOUNTAIN	MO	MOS	231	100	---	12	2	2	0	0	NR
TURKEY CREEK	MO	MOS	135	100	---	3	3	0	0	0	NR
MARCOOT	MO	MTF	100	100	---	16	14	0	0	0	NR
PRIVATE	MO	MTF	107	100	---	25	0	4	1	1	3K
REBEL	MO	MTF	154	100	---	13	0	2	0	0	3K
COYOTE	MO	MOS	328	100	---	15	12	0	0	0	NR
CAMELS HUMP	MO	MTF	278	100	---	16	14	0	0	0	NR

MTF = Mark Twain National Forest MOS = Missouri Department of Conservation

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KLINGENSMITH	CO	ARF	800	100	---	25	0	7	0	0	10K
WRIGHT	KS	HTA	600	100	---	24	0	8	0	0	NR

ARF = Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests/Pawnee National Grassland HTA = Horton Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: Central Florida on Saturday (3/19) for low relative humidity...

Weather Discussion: In the Southern Area, a departing frontal system will usher in dry and breezy conditions. Florida will experience afternoon relative humidity dropping to critical levels during the upcoming weekend. Dry conditions will continue into early Monday, but low pressure is expected to develop bringing showers and thunderstorms to the Southeast Monday afternoon. This low pressure will produce some wet thunderstorms in Florida on Tuesday. In the West, a much needed surge of moisture is expected to move onto the Northwest coast this weekend, bringing showers and higher elevation snows through Monday.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

- Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.
 - Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
 - Net control, frequencies
 - Line-of-sight restrictions
 - Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
 - Minimizing noise interference

- How can you mitigate potential problems?
 - Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and to-the-point.
 - Give a good comprehensive briefing (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.).
 - Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
 - Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
 - Establish emergency check-in procedures.
 - Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.

- The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters
 - Brief others
 - Debrief your actions
 - Communicate hazards to others
 - Acknowledge messages
 - Ask if you don't know

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3			28	7	38
	ACRES		130			50	15	195
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			0				0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					8	0	8
	ACRES					184	1	185
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7				0	2	9
	ACRES	1,137				250	3,025	4,412
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		6	30	37
	ACRES			1		4	802	807
Southern Area	FIRES	35		6		1,553	54	1,648
	ACRES	5,588		760		26,884	4,230	37,462
TOTAL	FIRES	42	4	8	0	1,596	97	1,747
	ACRES	6,725	140	761	0	27,375	8,075	43,076

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			43	8	53
	ACRES	1	130			126	11	268
Northern California	FIRES					15	10	25
	ACRES					23	2	25
Southern California	FIRES		2	2			5	9
	ACRES		0	0			0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	1	1		18	7	32
	ACRES	12	10	0		401	82	505
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		0				0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2				4
	ACRES		10	70				80
Southwest	FIRES	9	2		1	13	10	35
	ACRES	98	1		1	985	16	1,101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18		4		14	5	41
	ACRES	1,803		8		882	825	3,518
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	2	107	78	188
	ACRES			1	2	4,137	1,891	6,031
Southern Area	FIRES	110		25	2	6,960	213	7,310
	ACRES	16,792		2,402	2	61,716	7,587	88,499
TOTAL	FIRES	143	10	35	5	7,170	337	7,700
	ACRES	18,706	151	2,481	5	68,270	10,414	100,027

Nine Year Average Fires	9,922
Nine Year Average Acres	179,423

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		16	4			13	33
	ACRES		525	80			1,833	2,438
Northern California	FIRES		10	0	2		7	19
	ACRES		287	1,494	455		383	2,619
Southern California	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						344	344
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2				23	25
	ACRES		150				1,238	1,388
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2	1	5
	ACRES		18			35	369	422
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	2	5			5	17
	ACRES	459	1	1,110			1,523	3,093
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	2	12	10	25
	ACRES			35	730	1,176	2,233	4,174
Southern Area	FIRES			6	2	5	45	58
	ACRES			2,002	312	3,684	21,611	27,609
TOTAL	FIRES	5	32	16	6	19	111	189
	ACRES	459	981	4,721	1,497	4,895	29,554	42,107

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	62	20			38	121
	ACRES	522	7,870	1,184			2,915	12,491
Northern California	FIRES		12	0	3		14	29
	ACRES		308	8,588	650		595	10,141
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			34	37
	ACRES		52	3			858	913
Northern Rockies	FIRES		7				48	55
	ACRES		903				2,806	3,709
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			3	8	14
	ACRES		82			69	1,318	1,469
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		1	0				1
Southwest	FIRES	1	8		4		60	73
	ACRES	23	17,859		62		4,957	22,901
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	4	15	6	9	59	115
	ACRES	3,099	32	3,715	144	1,240	14,432	22,662
Eastern Area	FIRES			38	6	45	30	119
	ACRES			3,669	1,338	2,807	13,347	21,161
Southern Area	FIRES	22		67	11	142	559	801
	ACRES	2,869		45,379	10,349	92,646	463,979	615,222
TOTAL	FIRES	46	99	142	30	199	850	1,366
	ACRES	6,513	27,107	62,538	12,543	96,762	505,207	710,670

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California			1							
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			2	6						
Eastern Area	1				1					
Southern Area					1					2
Total	1	0	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	2

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